

Abstract of the Disclosure

A motor vehicle hatch lock or the like, with a latch which is pivotable around an axis, with a ratchet which is pivotable around another axis, and with an actuator, the actuator having an actuating element with the engagement element located thereon. By actuating the actuator out of the initial position in a first direction the ratchet is raised by the actuating element for an opening assistance function, and by actuating the actuator out of the initial position in a second direction opposite the first direction, the actuating element is coupled to the latch and the latch is moved from the pre-catch position into the main catch position for a closing assistance function with the actuating element being coupled to the latch by a step-down gear.